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Tim Luke
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Dear Mr. Luke,

I am in possession of a letter from IDWR, signed by you, and dated June 18th 2001 which states that measuring devices will be required on all diversions from the Big Lost River upstream from the Reservoir. At the time I received this letter it was apparent that the Big Lost River was NOT going to get high enough for the Big Lost Ranch to divert water. Therefore I did not respond to your letter. I recently received another letter stating that the time to respond to request an exemption had passed. This ranch has points of diversion from the Big Lost located at 3 1/4, 1/4 sections. We only have one ditch. Typically, when the Big Lost gets high enough to flood we get water and when it isn't we get nothing (we have had nothing the last 2 years).

I don't have a problem with putting a measuring devise in the existing ditch. I am not sure there is enough drop for a devise to be accurate though. I am also skeptical that we will be able to get water when the river is not flooding or, by the same token, stop it when it is flooding.

I mentioned this to Doug Rosenkrance after I received your second letter. He suggested that I write to you and request that next time you come up to this area that you conduct a site visit so we can discuss what should be done here. I suggest that the visit would be most beneficial during the spring when the Big Lost River is running high. However, if that timing does not work for you we could discuss things at your convenience.

Sincerely



Jim Gregory
Big Lost Ranch Manager

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